तिहाड़ जेल में महिला कैदी

1670. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) तिहाड़ जेल में इस समय महिला कैदियों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) उपर्युक्त जेल में महिला पुलिस अधिकारियों की वर्तमान संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) क्या महिला कैदियों के उपचार के लिए वहां महिला चिकित्सक तथा नर्सों को तैनात किया गया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो वहां इस समय कितनी महिला चिकित्सक हैं और उनके स्वीकृत पदों की संख्या क्या है; और

(ङ) क्या तिहाड़ जेल में महिला कैदियों का यौन शोषण किया जा रहा है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद फक्कबूल डार): (क) 15-7-1996 की स्थिति अनुसार तिहाड़ जेल में 368 महिला कैदी थी।

(ख) तिहाड़ जेल में दो महिला होम गार्डों के अलावा, तीन महिला हैड कान्स्टेबल और छह महिला कन्स्टेबल तैनात हैं।

(ग) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(घ) महिला डाक्टरों के दो स्वीकृत पद हैं। तथापि, छह एन०जी०ओ० सहित 13 महिला डाक्टर इस समय कार्य कर रहे हैं।

(ङ) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्।

ISD/STD/PCO Facility in West Godavari District

1671. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUMICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Telecom has any plans to extend ISD/STD/PCOs to more public places like hospitals, railway stations, bus stations in West Godavari district in 1996-97;

(b) whether it is a fact that public places are not adequately covered by such STD/PCO service;

(c) the steps proposed to enhance such facilities in West Godavari district; and

(d) the number of ISD/STD/PCO booths are in operation presently in West Godavari district?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. STD/ ISD/PCOs will be allotted to eligible applicants having suitable accommodation at railway stations, hospitals and bus stations.

(b) ,No, Sir. Public places are adequately covered by STD/ISD public telephones at present.

(c) More STD/PCOs will be allotted to eligible applicants to meet future requirements.

(d) At present 495 STD/ISD public telephones are working in West Godavari District.

Mass eviction of Indian farmer in Fijit

1672. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will .the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian farmers in Fiji are facing mass eviction and are-displaced refugees in their own homes due to the fact that the Fiji Government are not renewing the leases on the agricultural land held by them under lease for a period of 10—20 years; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take or have taken to see that the Indian farmers in Fiji who subsist on the land do not become landless peasants?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) A number of Fijian citizens of enthnic Indian origin hold long-term leases on farm land for cultivation, created under the Agricultural Landlond and Tenant's Act (ALTA), 1976. it has been brought to Government of India's notice that some of these leases are due to expire in

1997, and, others in the following, and later years. According to the information available, there are 10,959 such leases, of which 27 are due to expire in 1997, 128 in 1998, 171 in 1999 and 1221 in 2000 and the remaining 9,412 leases in the year 2024. It has further come to Government's attention that there is concern among Fiji citizens of Indian origin holding these leases, that they may not be renewed after their expiry. This concern has also been conveyed by the political parties in Fiji representing the interests of the Fijian Indians. These political parties have demanded that proper arrangements be made for resettlement, in case any leases are not renewed. As per current information, no eviction of Fijian citizens of Indian origin from farming land, due to expiry of lease, has been reported. Government of Fiji is reported to have stated that they will not interfere with landlords and tenants to encourage extension of leases, but would facilitate the relocation of displaced farmers. Government of Fiji is also said to have set aside come uncultivated land in one locality to accommodate displaced persons.

(b) Government of Fiji's policy of blatant discrimination against Fijian citizens of India origin, sanctified by the Constitution it has enacted, gives ground for the concern expressed by Fijian citizens of Indian origin relatng to land. Government of India have consistently brought to the attention of the international community, the implications of this policy directed against a large section of its own citizens, and have strongly impressed on them, particularly on the countries of the Commonwealth to avoid giving any encouragement to the Fijian Government in these actions. We have also made clear that we cannot agree to Fiji's re-entry into the Commonwealth until a democratic, non-discriminatory and representational Constitution and Government are established in Fiji. Regarding the land question, Government of India have noted statements attributed to Fijian Government representatives to the effect that the concerns mentioned above would be satisfactorily met. The international community will await fulfilment of these assurances. We have also kept track of the progress of the Constitutional Reform Commission and have noted the demand on the part of the Fijian citizens of Indian origin, that the reformed constitutional arrangements resulting from the Commission's work, should safeguard their welfare, including matters relating to land.

Government of India is following the situation and, in the framework of the approach outlines above, will take steps as appropriate to bring home to the Government of Fiji, their normal obligations in this regard.

Implementation of Tubewell and Irrigation schemes

1673. SHRI SAJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked by Government for implementation of Tubewells and Irrigation schemes during the last three years and the current financial year so far, State-wise;

(b) the total area of land brought under irrigation therefrom; and

(c) the States which have achieved the target?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) Statements showing the statewise funds allocated and potential created during the last three years through major, medium and minor irrigation schemes which includes tubewells alongwith physical targets achieved are enclosed. *[See Appendix 178, annexure no. 39]* For the year 1995-96 and the current financial year, the corresponding figures have not been finalised.